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EXECUTIVE ORDER

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CREATING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION OF ARIZONA

WHEREAS, Public Law 89-491, a Joint Resolution of the 89th Congress on July 4, 1966, established the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission to prepare an overall program commemorating the Bicentennial of the American Revolution and of the Nation's birth; and

WHEREAS, Congress specifically instructed the Commission to:

- A. Plan, encourage, develop and coordinate observances and activities commemorating the historic events that preceded, and are associated with, the American Revolution.
- B. Give due consideration to related plans and programs developed by State, local, and private groups.
- C. Give special emphasis to the ideas associated with the Revolution - ideas that have vitally influenced the development of the United States, world affairs, and mankind's quest for freedom: and

WHEREAS, On September 11, 1970 the President sent a message to Congress which said in part, "I strongly endorse the Commission's primary recommendations that:

- A. The commemoration be national in scope, seeking to involve every State, city and community;
- B. The Bicentennial be a focal point for a review and reaffirmation of the principles on which the nation was founded and for a new understanding of our heritage;
- C. This be the occasion for looking ahead, for defining and dedicating ourselves to our common purposes, and for speeding the accomplishment of specific local projects responsive to our changing national priorities."; and

WHEREAS, the President, in his message, further stated, "I invite the Bicentennial Commissions now formed or forming in each of the fifty States, along with Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, and the Territories, to share in a special effort to ensure active and nationwide participation in the celebration of America's 200 birthday in the year 1976"; and

WHEREAS, in 1969 the President wrote to the Governors urging each State and Territory to establish a Bicentennial Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Jack Williams, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby create the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission of Arizona, and order and direct that:

- 1. The functions and the purpose of the Commission shall be to prepare an overall program in those areas of concern as recommended by the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission. The emphasis toward these objectives shall include:
  - a. A statewide summons to recall our heritage and to place it in current perspective. Through statewide programs, all groups and institutions within the State are urged to reexamine

origins, values and the meaning of the American heritage. The programs should attempt to set forth accomplishments and to dramatize development.

b. A statewide program to create opportunities for historic activities and events which will stimulate travel and visitations with particular emphasis on hospitality.

c. A statewide challenge to demonstrate concern for human welfare, happiness and freedom. The goal will be to undertake projects which manifest pride, priorities and hope for the future and to forge a new commitment and spirit dedicated to the advancement of human welfare as we move into the third century of American independence.

2. The Commission shall consist of not more than twenty members to be appointed by the Governor and representing a cross-section of the State's inhabitants.

3. Each Commission member shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

4. The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be appointed by the Governor.

5. Within the limits of funds available, the Commission shall hire a permanent Executive Director and a permanent Secretary, and fix the salaries thereof.

6. The Arizona Department of Economic Planning and Development will provide such staff support as may be requested by the Commission. Reimbursement for such services shall be made from funds that become available for the purpose of commemorating the American Revolution Bicentennial.

7. The Commission shall give due consideration to the plans advanced by Federal, State, Municipal, Civic, Patriotic, Military, Veterans, Archival and Historical bodies and may designate special committees with representation from such bodies to plan and conduct specific ceremonies. The Commission shall cooperate in the programs and plans of any American Revolution Bicentennial Commission established under the laws of the United States and in the programs and plans of similar bodies established by other States where appropriate to the purposes of the Commission.

8. The Commission shall submit a report to the Governor prescribing the preliminary plans of the Commission not later than December 31, 1972. Thereafter, the Commission shall submit an Annual Report to the Governor not later than December 31st of each year and a final report on or before June 30, 1977.

9. The Commission may:

a. Through its own personnel or in cooperation with any public or private agency, undertake, prepare and publish any studies, publications or other writings which it may deem relevant to the participation of this State and its citizens in the observance of the Bicentennial of the Nation's independence.

b. Request from any Department, Agency, Board or Commission of the State or any political subdivision such support, assistance and data as it deems necessary or desirable to properly

carry out the purposes of this Order. Any such request shall receive the full cooperation of such department or agency.

c. Establish advisory councils to assist in its work.

d. Adopt an official flag, seal or other emblems for the Bicentennial and copyright the same in the name of this State. The Commission may lease the right to use any such emblems upon such terms and conditions as the Commission deems proper.

e. Enter into contracts, within the limits of funds available, with local and regional associations, individuals, organizations and institutions for any services which further the broad objectives of the Commission's program.

f. Accept gifts, contributions and bequests of unrestricted funds from individuals, foundations, corporations and other organizations or institutions for the purpose of furthering the broad objectives of the Commission's program.

g. Formulate policies, adopt rules and regulations, and make agreements which are consistent with the purposes of this Order.

i. Accept and expend public and private grants of funds, gifts, contributions and legacies, and may accept, manage or dispose of property, to effectuate the purposes of this Order. Such funds shall be deposited with the State Treasurer in a special fund designated "American Revolution Bicentennial Commission Fund" and shall be expended upon warrants drawn by the Commissioner of Finance upon order of the Commission.

10. The provisions of this Executive Order and the Commission created by it shall terminate on June 30, 1977, at which time unexpended and unencumbered monies, if any, standing to the credit of the Commission shall revert to the State General Fund.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix this 9th day of June in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-two and the Independence of the United States the One Hundred and Ninety-sixth.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Secretary of State

